

Minutes of the Westbrook Council of Beaches Meeting  
June 6, 2016

Multimedia room, Mulvey Center

Attendees:

Cedar Crest	Barbara Wolf
Coral Sands	Mary Jane Monahan
Coral Sands	Janice Shaw
Grove Beach Improvement Assoc.	Dianne Ammerman
Grove Beach Point Assoc.	Traver Steiner
Grove Beach Point Assoc.	Mark Solomon
Grove Beach Point Assoc.	Lori Solomon
Grove Beach Terrace Assoc.	Michael Tosatti
Grove Beach Terrace Assoc.	Jay Berardino
Middle Beach	Amy Palumbo
Middle Beach	Salvatore U. Campailla
Middle Beach	Anne Mazur
Island View Beach	Tony Cozza
Island View Beach	Joe Marino
Island View Beach	Steve Smith
Old Kelsey Point	Carolyn Fish
Old Kelsey Point	Bill Fish
Pilots Point	Tony Fastaia
Pointina Beach	Thomas Nobile
Pointina Beach	Lucy Nobile
Pointina Beach	Linn Morgan
Stannard Beach	Stephen Mason
West Beach	Patty Hubbard
West Beach	Joe and Cyndy Pauloski

Others:

First Selectman Noel Bishop  
Nancy J. Rudek, staff/Zoning  
Meg Parulis  
Glenn Chalder, President of Planimetrics

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Noel Bishop gave a report on 2 public hearings:

1. Policing in Westbrook

The minutes are on the town website. They will either create an Ad Hoc Committee or refer the issue to the Traffic Authority Police Commission.

## 2. Blight Ordinance Meeting

This was referred back to the Committee. There will be either a town meeting or a referendum on this.

Meg Parulis, the Town Planner, said they are looking into updating the Zoning Commission regulations. She introduced Glenn Chalder from Planimetrics. He said he was here to get input from various town organizations regarding updating our zoning rules. He hoped to have a draft ready for review early next summer, 2017. This is a process that would take from 1 ½ years to 2 years. He plans on re-organizing our regulations to make them more user friendly and be consistent with the town and state laws of 1990. Someone asked that the hearings be held during the summer months when the seasonal people are in Westbrook. He thinks he will have about 3 drafts. The first draft should be on to the town web-site in August or September. We can follow the process on line. All can attend the Zoning Commission meetings, but you can only listen. Septic systems are not included. That would be under the Health Department. He said signage is an issue everywhere because of Freedom of Speech issues. Noel Bishop asked what should be included in zoning. Glenn said that zoning is a good tool when something is being built. Zoning is not a great tool for blight and property maintenance. He will be meeting with other groups, such as the Chamber of Commerce and other towns. He will then collate all the comments and go through all the regulations. Parking – too much or too little? Solar – Energy Committee in town? Meg said he will be meeting with them. He does not plan on making changes to the Zoning Board of Appeals process. Barbara introduced Nancy Rudek, a Zoning Officer. There will be steering committee meetings which are open to the public, but the public may only listen.

We discussed the programs for meetings this year.

Tony Cozza suggested discussing SNAP (food stamp) people in Westbrook and what is Westbrook doing to help them. What can we do to help?

For the October meeting, we will invite the candidates for State Senator and State Representative.

We could invite Marilyn Ozols to talk to us about the water pollution commission.

There is a program to tag horseshoe crabs in Long Island Sound sponsored by Sacred Heart University. We could invite someone to talk to us about this.

We could invite the Superintendent of Schools. Our school enrollment has dropped. Should we keep our own school system or combine with another town? Noel Bishop said we should keep our own school system. He also said we cannot depend on the state of Connecticut for the funds we used to get.

Traffic Commission - Tony Fastaia gave a report for the Traffic Commission. The town traffic tickets revenue has been finalized. \$50 will go to the town constable. The town does not issue tickets for parking on private roads.

Harbor Commission – Keith Rich was not at the meeting. He told Barbara Wolf that there will be no stickers issued this year, but one can get a permit number to put on the mooring. Write the number on the mooring.

Meeting with nearby towns – Barbara and Traver attended one last year and it was very interesting. There will be another meeting the end of June or July. Barbara will let us know exactly when on our web-site.

Our scholarship of \$500 – The Westbrook High school senior has been chosen. The recipient will be invited to our July or August meeting.

The minutes for the May 2, 2016 were approved.

Treasurer's report – Our balance as of June 1, 2016 was \$2,014.53 in the checking account and \$6,387.23 in our savings account. The Treasurer's report was approved. The bills for this year have been sent out. We bill \$1 per property with a minimum of \$40.

Seventeen beach associations participate in the Council of Beaches. Barbara asked that we notify her if there are new officers.

The next Council of Beaches meeting will be **Thursday, July 7, 2016**, not the first Monday of July, because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The meeting will be held in the Multi-media Room at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Nobile, Secretary  
Westbrook Council of Beaches